

particular the only reason to select the partial-birth abortion procedure is to ensure that the baby is dead when delivered. As a physician, I recognize that serious complications can occur during the last trimester of pregnancy. However, if the mother's health dictates that the pregnancy must be concluded and a normal birth is not possible, the baby may be delivered by C-section. Whether the infant lives or dies depends upon the severity of the medical complications and the degree of prematurity, but that outcome is dictated by the disease process itself. The fate of the infant during the partial-birth abortion procedure is predetermined by the nature of the procedure performed and is uniformly fatal.

In 1995, a 12-doctor panel representing the American Medical Association recommended banning partial-birth abortion, referring to it as, and I quote, basically repulsive, close quote. I agree with the AMA's panel. The procedure is repulsive and after today will be illegal.

#### FREEDOM RIDERS

(Mr. CROWLEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CROWLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of the Immigrant Workers' Freedom Ride and its participants.

On September 20, hard-working men and women from every corner of this country set off on a journey in support of immigrant workers' rights. These men and women support our economy through their work. Men and women who support all of us with their dedication, their taxes, their skills. Men and women who are involved in their communities, in our communities.

Much like the freedom riders of years past, they are calling for what many would consider to be just basic rights. They are calling for family reunification. They are calling for the restoration of labor protections for all workers in the U.S. They are calling for our country to acknowledge their civil rights.

These men and women are as much a part of our Nation's history as they are a part of our Nation's present and future. For years they have proven their dedication to our country. They deserve more than a simple tour of our country. They deserve our respect.

#### HONORING THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE FAIR

(Mr. WILSON of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, it is a wonderful time of the year in South Carolina. It is a time when families from all over the State bring their children and friends to the State Fair in Columbia. The tradition of our State Fair dates back 134 years,

when it started as an agricultural convention sponsored by the State Agriculture and Mechanical Society of South Carolina, raising funds for charities. Its facilities are a great resource for expositions and conventions year-round.

Today, the Fair attracts almost 600,000 people who come to enjoy educational exhibits, arts and crafts, livestock, games, rides and popular entertainment. I am proud to have attended the Fair since my childhood, and I am proud to recognize this as an example of the American spirit of community. I want to thank Society President Cante Heath and Fair Manager Gary Goodman for their hard work in making this year's Fair a tremendous success.

I ask all of my colleagues to join me in wishing the people of South Carolina a safe and enjoyable time at this year's State Fair.

In conclusion, may God bless our troops.

#### IMMIGRANT WORKERS FREEDOM RIDE

(Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to welcome and salute the Immigrant Workers Freedom Ride.

Inspired by the 1961 freedom rides that sought to integrate bus terminals in the South, today's riders are visiting cities and towns across the country. They are raising awareness about the plight of immigrant workers and advocating for comprehensive change to our immigration system. Like Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., these Americans refuse to believe, and I quote, that there are insufficient funds in the great vaults of opportunity in this great Nation.

Let me share the story of one of those Americans. Salvador Guillen is the proud leader of the Hotel Employees and Restaurant Employees International Union, Local 681. He is the father of three children and has worked as a housekeeper at Disneyland's Paradise Pier Hotel for over 15 years. Salvador was born in Zamora, Michoacan, and has lived in the United States for 18 years. He is now a proud citizen of the United States.

In his own words, Salvador states: "I want workers like my two sisters who have not been able to legalize and who are forced to work jobs where they are abused, overworked and underpaid to have the same opportunity."

Together we can implement sensible immigration policies that bring all immigrants one step closer to the American dream.

#### COMMENDING MEDICAL COLLEGE OF GEORGIA AND FORT GORDON COMMUNITY FOR THEIR EFFORTS TO FIGHT TERRORISM

(Mr. BURNS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BURNS. Mr. Speaker, in the wake of the September 11, 2001, attacks, the Medical College of Georgia, the U.S. Army Signal Center and the Southeast Regional Army Medical Command at Fort Gordon have joined together to train military and civilian personnel in disaster response, emergency medical response and emergency response coordination. I commend them for their efforts to develop the Training Center for Disaster Medicine Preparedness and a Disaster Response Simulation Center.

These three organizations combine to include world-class medical education facilities, faculty and advanced communications infrastructure, ensuring well-trained and prepared personnel in the event of a natural disaster or a terrorist attack serving not only east Georgia but indeed the entire Nation.

Mr. Speaker, I commend MCG and the Fort Gordon community for their efforts on behalf of our Nation.

#### MONEY-MAKING OPPORTUNITIES IN IRAQ

(Mr. KUCINICH asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I remember the time that this administration came to the Congress and asked us to support the troops and then turned around and cut veterans benefits by \$25 billion. Today, while we are being told to vote for \$87 billion for Iraq to support the troops, we find that those who will benefit financially from the war are the armies of lobbyists who have ties to this administration.

In yesterday's Hill, a column by Josh Marshall points out, and this is a quote, "The President's right-hand man quits his government job just before the bombs start falling. He sets up shop in the offices of one of the biggest GOP lobbyists in town. And he starts selling his services to clients who want a piece of the big Iraqi reconstruction contracts pie—the pie his old bosses are in charge of slicing up."

From today's Washington Post: "Getting the rights to distribute Procter & Gamble products would be a gold mine," said one of the partners at New Bridge who did not want to be named. "One well-stocked 7-Eleven could knock out 30 Iraqi stores; a Wal-Mart could take over the country," he said.

Here we are with a hostile takeover led by our men and women whom we pride. Stop this administration from using troops to justify a war and war profiteering. Get out of Iraq.

#### PARTIAL-BIRTH ABORTION BAN ACT

(Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)